

U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/SE2003/001859 (Attorney Docket No.36211)

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Title: AN APPARATUS FOR DETECTING ANIMALS

Preliminary Amendment

**Remarks**

Applicant submits herewith this preliminary amendment to present the abstract of the invention on a separate page and in U.S. format, and to conform the claims to U.S. practice in accordance with Rule 1.72. New claims 17-20 have been added in view of the deletion of the multiple dependencies from the amended claims. It is believed that no substantive amendments have been made to the application. Applicant has also incorporated by reference International Application PCT/SE2003/001859, filed 1 December 2003 claiming priority from Swedish Application No. 0203580-6 filed 3 December 2002 (also incorporated by reference herein). A copy of that published application with the favorable International Search Report, is submitted herewith. The incorporation by reference is also set forth in the accompanying Transmittal -- see MPEP 201.13. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that this application receive early and favorable consideration.

Should the examiner have any questions concerning this application which may be resolved by a telephone conference, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 1-800-445-3460. Any additional fees necessitated by this submission may be charged to deposit account 19-0522.

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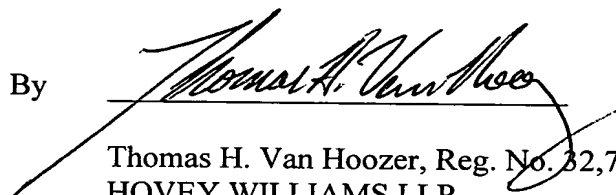
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